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TO : Chief, Geographic Research DATE: 6 January 1953

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FROM : Chief, Geography Division

SUBJECT: Planned External Research Projects, 1953-1954, for the Geography Division, ORR

The following projects are under consideration and development by the Geography Division, ORR, for external research production in the course of 1953-1954:

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1. A project is planned for the systematic and comprehensive extraction of physical and cultural locational data on the USSR from Soviet books, monographs, periodicals and journals. Probable contractor will be [redacted] 25X1A Total estimated cost (spread over a five-year period), [redacted] 25X1A

2. A project is planned for the adjustment of astronomic positions to provide control for the utilization of oblique aerial photography for the compilation of large-scale maps of Far Eastern USSR to service the operational requirements of CIA. The project will not be undertaken until late 1954, when it is estimated, 25X1A the portion of the World Gravity Project concerning the USSR, 25X1A now underway [redacted] will have been sufficiently advanced to permit the use of gravity data for the adjustment of the astronomic positions. The total cost of the project (to cover a two-year period) is estimated at [redacted] 25X1A

3. A project is planned for the compilation of a color map of the USSR in 24 sheets at 1:2,500,000. The estimated cost of the project is [redacted] 25X1A

4. A project is planned to prepare evaluated summary descriptions of poisonous and edible plants, their density and occurrence, as well as descriptions, densities, and migratory habits of fauna dangerous to man and those that are suitable for food. Medium and large-scale maps of distribution will be prepared where data are sufficiently detailed. The cost of this project is estimated (over a two-year period) to total [redacted] 25X1A

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